



New Jersey Department of Children and Families Policy Manual

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§10:121A-5.9 Post-adoption services

(a) After the child has been legally adopted, the agency shall provide the opportunity for the clients to return voluntarily to the agency for services relating to adoption only after verifying the identity of the person making the request.

(b) An agency shall provide the following post-adoption services:

1. Storing updated information provided by the birth parent(s), adoptee or adoptive parent(s) with the medical information form, as specified in N.J.A.C. 10:121A-3.6(d)6;

2. Upon request and if available, adoptive parents, birth parents and adult adoptees shall be provided with written information on the non-identifying characteristics and background of the adoptee and the adoptee's birth family. This information shall include, but not be limited to:

- i. Age or date of birth;
- ii. Circumstances surrounding the placement;
- iii. Religion;
- iv. Education;
- v. Nationality/ethnic background;
- vi. Employment history;
- vii. Medical history; and
- viii. Talents or hobbies.

3. Information about and referral to community resources, such as other counseling services, support groups, adoption registries, or sources of personal information that may be useful to adoptees, birth parents, or adoptive parents, or their relatives.

(c) An agency should counsel members of the birth family, adoptive family, or minor and adult adoptees in the following situations:

1. When there is continued interest in background information about any other party involved in the adoption; or
2. When any party involved in the adoption is having difficulty in personal and/or social adjustment to the extent that it is related to the adoption.

(d) For a foreign adoption, as specified at N.J.A.C. 10:121A-1.5(b)2, the agency shall conduct at least one visit to the home within 30 days after the child has entered the United States with the adoptive family and shall comply with each country's supervision and visitation requirements and relevant requirements of the Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption when the child has entered the United States with the adoptive family.

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